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*To the Honourable the Knights, Citizens and Burgeses in  
Parliament Assembled,*

*The Humble Petition of Percivall Brunskell, Gent.*

*Sheweth,*

**T**HAT King *Charles* the Second, and his Now Majesty, were Bountifully Inclined to Your Petitioner; but such as were Intrusted to fulfil Their Majesties Pleasure, neglected your Petitioner: And your Petitioner being sent to Parliament, his Case, with the Committees Resolutions thereon, and the Reports, Opinions and Certificates of Learned Men in the Late Reigns and This, Representing your Petitioner Worthy of Reward, were laid before the Late House, 27 December 1690. And several Laws are since Made, and others have been on the Stage for Redress of Abuses, particularly set forth in your Petitioner's Case. And Last Session your Petitioner's Case was Re-Examined and Reported worthy the Consideration of the House; and the Honourable Committee Resolved and Reported their Resolutions, *That the House be moved, That an Humble Address be made to His Majesty, That He would be Graciously pleased to take into His Princely Consideration the Services and Sufferings of your Petitioner, and Reward the same:* But the Report being made the 20th Day of April last, just at the ending of the Session, and when the House was Busily Employed to find out Persons suspected to be Guilty of Bribery, the Sad Effects of Buying and Selling Offices, and Places of Trust and Profit, to which all Miscarriages by Sea and Land may be imputed. Your Petitioner was dropt and remains a poor Petitioner, stript of all his own Estate and Practice, plunged 3000 £. in Debt, which Increase he every Year 180 £. for want of Something to pay off either Principal or Interest, and is forced to Abscond, so that he cannot work for his own and Families Subsistence, and hath gotten Nothing after Long Attendance and Dependence, but what will not pay off Tradesmen

to give him Credit for his own and Families Necessaries. And tho' Offices become Void daily, wherein your Petitioner may be Serviceable to His Majesty, and His People, and Pay Debts, and make Provision for himself and Family : And although all that Love and Honour His Majesty, Agree, That your Petitioner's Afflictions have rather Improved than Impaired him for the Service of the Government, yet your Petitioner is neglected, whereby his Oppression is greater than Tongue or Pen can express.

- Now for as much as all in such Employments as your Petitioner was in, are obliged to take Oaths which enjoin them to make Discoveries and Proposals for the Service of the Publick, as your Petitioner hath done, Oaths being all the Security the People have, That the Laws shall be duly and impartially Executed, without which the People cannot be Maintained and Defended in their Rights, Liberties and Properties : Your Petitioner hopes that the Parents of the Law will not suffer him to Languish under Oppression, for obeying Lawful Commands.

*Your Petitioner therefore most Humbly prays this Honourable House to take his Sad and Deplorable Case into Consideration, That he may be Relieved as to your Honours may seem Meet and Just:*

And your Petitioner, as in Duty Bound,  
shall Ever Pray, &c.

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